

Neighborhood Planning in Columbus

Near Southside Area Plan

Public Workshop #1

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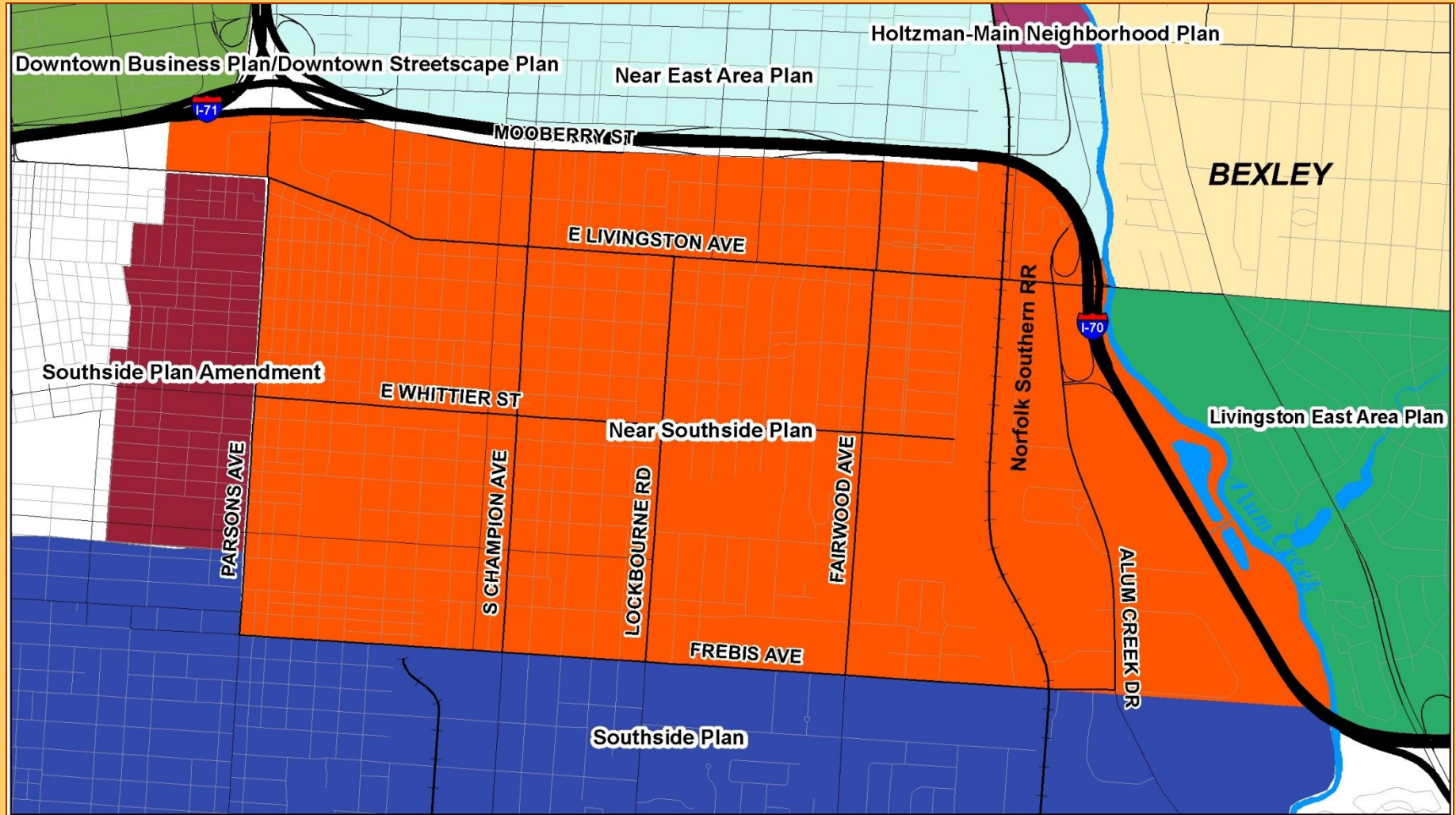
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Outline

- Plan role and work program
- Plan Elements: land use, development opportunities, transportation priorities
- Policy benchmarks and best practices
- Existing conditions
- Survey: Issue identification
- Input Stations for Development Opportunities, Transportation Priorities, “Favorite Places/Least Favorite Places”
- Next steps



Surrounding Plans



Near Southside Plan

Role and Function

- Plan assists neighborhood in reaching consensus on development related policies and standards, consistent with city policies
- Focus: land use & urban design policies
 - Serve as a basis for evaluating development proposals
- Establishes priorities for capital improvements and other public investments



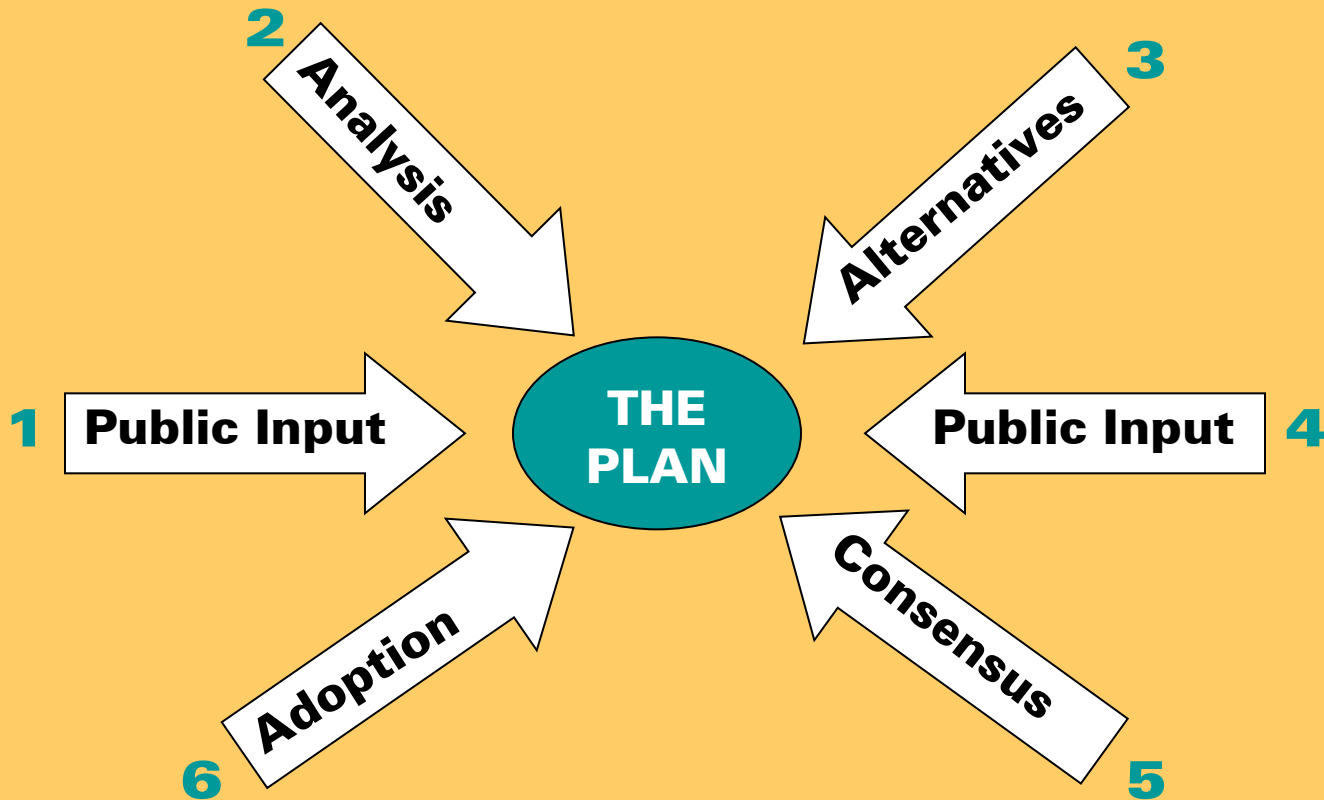
Near Southside Plan

Role and Function

- Plan provides guidance on implementation
- Plan does not address:
 - Safety
 - Code enforcement
 - Other community development related issues

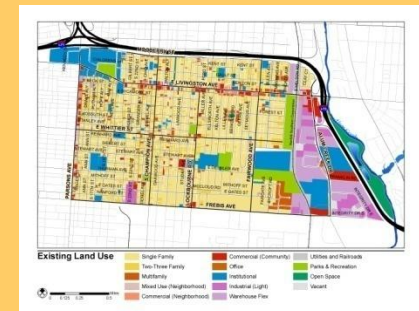


Work program: Process



Land use, development opportunities, and transportation

- Land use plans will
 - Build upon existing uses
 - Highlight development opportunities
 - Conceptual designs may be developed for one or more sites



Land use, development opportunities, and transportation

- Key issues to address are density and design
- Transportation element will build on existing/developing plans and identify priority issues



Policy benchmarks for Plan

- Policies aim to implement overall development principles:
 - Open space/critical environmental areas will be preserved
 - Neighborhoods will have a vibrant mix of uses (residential, retail, office)
 - Neighborhoods will have an increased range of housing options
 - People will be able to get around by walking, car, transit, and bicycle
 - New development will respect community character and historic features
- These are principles that contribute to a quality neighborhood



Summary of Existing Conditions

Demographics

- 10% Decrease in population - 1990 (23,071) to 2000 (20,734)
- 8% Decrease in home ownership from 1990

Land Use and Zoning

- Primarily residential
- Commercial along main corridors - underutilized
- Manufacturing primarily to the east – some underutilized land/buildings

Urban Form

- Primarily built-out
- Strong Urban Fabric- need more aesthetic improvements
- Aging commercial corridors
- No significant gateways or identity for the area



Summary of Existing Conditions

Transportation

- Good access to major freeways and overall there is good internal circulation
- Major thoroughfares within the planning area are used as commuting corridors
- Traffic calming measures are desired
- An improved and connected system for internal bike and pedestrian circulation is desired

Community Facilities and Infrastructure

- Recreational open space
- Recreation center
- Adjacent to greenway/bikepath



Summary of Existing Conditions

Economic Development

- Struggling business base
- Need redevelopment of vacant commercial and industrial buildings
- Could use more new small businesses and/or office space



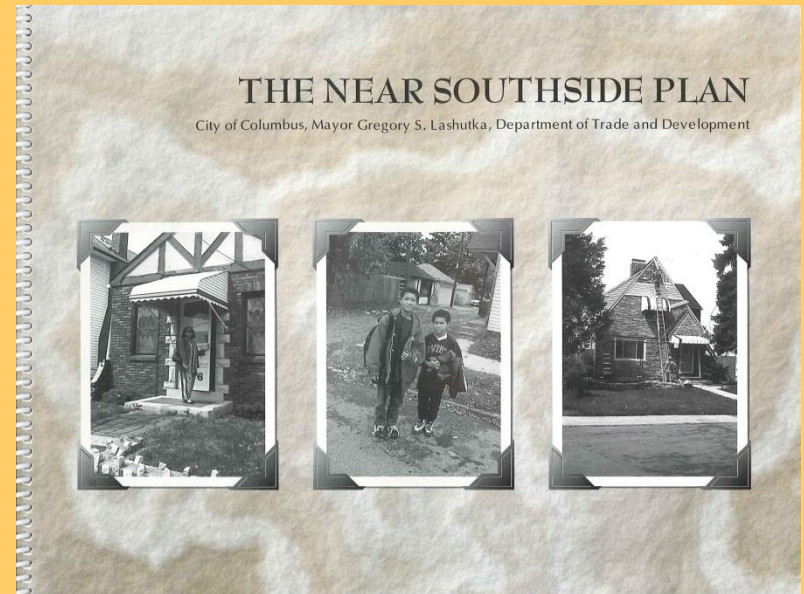
Summary of Stakeholder Interviews

- While the Near Southside faces some challenges, it has numerous community assets to build upon.
- Older commercial corridors provide a more intimate environment, however numerous buildings are suffering from neglect.
- Additional retail offerings are needed.
- Good location, 10 minutes to many attractions/destinations.
- There is a desire for more working class families, more homeowners.
- Visual appearance makes the area look worse than it is.
- Connectivity would be improved with additional sidewalks.



1997 Near Southside Plan

- Evaluate recommendations for inclusion in current plan
- Recommendations out of scope of new plan



Survey & Exercise Stations

- Issue Identification Survey
- Input Stations
 - Development Opportunities



- Transportation Priorities



- “Favorite Places/Least Favorite Places”



All comments will be recorded and the top priorities identified will be summarized and posted on the website and shared at the next Public Workshop



Public Input

- How else can you be involved?

Submit Input via the Website for Plan: **tinyurl.com/NSSplan**



Next steps

- Desired result from public workshop #1 – complete set of information that will serve as basis for the development of plan language and concepts
- 2nd Public Workshop: To Be Announced

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- After you are done with the exercises, you are free to leave

